

**NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE RULES**  
**2005-2006**

1. The quorum of the Natural Resources and Environment Committee shall be nine members.
2. The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the chairperson. Recess or adjournment of the committee may also take place upon an affirmative vote by a majority of the members present.
3. A Bill, Resolution or any other matter will be considered only after presentation by its principal author, or a Legislator whom he designates to do so. In the event that more than one member of the General Assembly has signed a measure, the principal author shall be the one whose name appears first in the list of authors.
4. At the call of the Chairperson, action may be taken by the Committee on any Bill the first time it is presented. The Chairperson shall have the option to take action on a Resolution.
5. The Chairperson shall establish the meeting agenda and determine the measures to be considered and the order of consideration. No motion that the committee recommend that a measure do pass or do not pass shall be in order until the chairperson has stated that such a motion will be entertained.
6. Subcommittees shall consider measures assigned to them by the Chairman and make recommendations thereon to the Committee. All Committee Officers will be ex-officio voting Subcommittee members. No measure will be reported to the full House except after consideration by the Committee. The Chairperson may appoint subcommittees and officers of subcommittees and in the discretion of the chair refer any matter to a subcommittee.
7. Five minutes prior, during, and five minutes after a televised or web-cast Committee meeting, no one other than a Member of the Committee, Committee Aide, Administrative Assistant to the Chairperson, or Committee Intern, shall walk beyond the witness pulpit for any reason.
8. During Committee meetings, Committee members and everyone in the audience shall either turn off or place in silent mode all cell phones, pagers or other similar devices.
9. No one who is not a member of the committee shall speak to a member of the Committee while a televised or web-cast meeting is in progress without first obtaining consent of the Chairperson. Such consent may be obtained by making a request to the Committee Aide, Administrative Assistant or Committee Intern, who will then pass the request to the Chairperson, who may or may not approve the request.
10. The Chairperson may present to the Committee a proposed change in these rules at any time. Any other member proposing a change in these rules shall provide written notice of the proposed change to the Chairperson and secretary at least 72 hours before presenting any proposed change to the committee.
11. The Rules of the House shall prevail in any case not provided for in these rules.